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Presidential Review Memorandum/NSC-18

TO: The Vice President
The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense

ALSO: The Secretary of the Treasury
The Attorney General
The Secretary of the Interior
The Secretary of Commerce
The Secretary of Transportation
The Acting Director of Central Intelligence
The Director, Office of Management and Budget
The Assistant to the President for Energy
The President's Special Representative
for the Law of the Sea Conference
The Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Director, National Science Foundation
The Administrator, Environmental
Protection Agency
Assistant to the President for Domestic
Affairs and Policy

SUBJECT: Law of the Sea Policy Review (U)

The President has directed that the Policy Review Committee chaired by the Secretary of State review policy issues concerning the Law of the Sea Treaty and make recommendations as to our negotiating and legislative strategy.

In order to assist the Committee in this review and to provide continuing interagency coordination of U. S. policy in the Law of the Sea negotiations and in related Congressional consultations, there is hereby established the Interagency Group for Law of the Sea, an NSC Ad Hoc Group chaired by the President's Special Representative for the Law of the Sea Conference. Membership of this group will be senior representatives of the addressees. Meetings of the Interagency Group may include such other participants as may from time to time be invited by the Chairman.

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The study should consist of three parts:

1. A brief review of recent developments in the negotiations, an analysis of major U.S. interests, and identification of strategic options available to achieve U.S. objectives in the Law of the Sea. The impact of each strategic option on major U.S. interests should be estimated. The study should include consideration of the timing and tactics of any U.S. legislative action regarding deep seabed mining. This paper should be prepared by the Interagency Group and submitted to the Policy Review Committee for its consideration in the week of February 14.
2. Detailed review of existing negotiating instructions and preparation of those recommended changes requiring Presidential decision. If any such recommended changes would affect U.S. participation in the Geneva intersessional meeting (February 28-March 11), these should also be submitted by the Interagency Group to the Policy Review Committee for its consideration in the week of February 14, otherwise, such recommendations should be submitted by April 7.
3. Detailed study of the substance of U.S. legislation affecting deep seabeds mining. This part should be prepared by the Interagency Group and submitted to the Policy Review Committee by March 21.



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